

educated in the schools at Manila and is a rancher; Miss Mildred, born February 13, 1914, attended the Manila High School; William Everett, born May 24, 1917, Delbert, born July 29, 1919, Bonnie Bess, born July 29, 1926, and Darrell, born August 17, 1928.

H. CLAY CUMMINGS resides in his native City of Heber, judicial center of Wasatch County, and is not only one of the progressive representatives of ranch industry in the county but also has the distinction of being at the time of this writing, in 1932, the mayor of Heber, this official preferment standing in evidence of the high popular estimate placed upon him in the community in which he was born and reared and in which he is giving fine account for himself as a loyal and liberal citizen.

Mr. Cummings was born at Heber on the 11th of December, 1894, and is a son of Edward J. and Hannah M. (Clegg) Cummings, the former of whom was one of the first white children born in the Heber Valley, where his parents were among the earliest settlers and where his birth occurred in 1863, his wife, Hannah M., having been born at Springville, Utah County, in 1870. Edward J. Cummings long held precedence as one of the substantial stock growers of the Heber district, was likewise interested in banking and mercantile enterprise. He gave twelve years of service as a member of the Board of County Commissioners and was a member of the City Council of Heber several terms, besides which he was a liberal supporter of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

After completing his studies in the high school at Heber, H. Clay Cummings was a student in the Utah State Agricultural College. In 1914 he initiated his service on a mission of thirty months in the northern states, in the interests of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and he then returned to Utah and identified himself with industrial affairs in his native county. There came to him the call of higher duty when the nation became involved in the World war, and he was among the first from Wasatch County to enlist for service in the United States Army. He enlisted in 1917 and was assigned to the One Hundred Forty-fifth Field Artillery, and in February, 1918, he was transferred to the Officers Training School at Jackson, South Carolina, where he became a member of the Aviation Corps. Later he was in service with the Air Corps at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and eventually he attended the Air Gunners School at Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Michigan. His unit was not called to overseas service and he received his honorable discharge December 23, 1918, somewhat more than a month after the armistice had brought the great war to a close. Since his return to his native county Mr. Cummings has continued to be successfully associated with progressive ranch enterprise, with special attention given to the growing of sheep.

Mr. Cummings has continued active and influential in the affairs of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and in behalf of the church he served in 1925 a short-term mission in the eastern states. November 26, 1926, he was ordained bishop of the Second Ward of the Wasatch Stake, and March 11, 1928, he was made first counselor to the president of this stake.

Mr. Cummings has continued to take deep interest in his World war comrades, and in 1923-24 he served as commander of Post No. 23, American Legion, at Heber. He gave also four years of service as captain of the local organization of Sons and Daughters of Indian War Veterans, and in 1927 he was elected mayor of Heber, his effective administration of municipal affairs having led to his reelection in 1929. He is an active and valued member of the Heber Chamber of Commerce and the local Lions Club, and is a member of the board of trustees of the Wasatch County Public Library.

On the 26th of January, 1918, Mr. Cummings was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Nielson, daughter of Peter E. and Emma Nielson, of Preston, Idaho, and the children of this union are four in number: Veigh X., Kyle E., Melvin and Clay.